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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 8, 2005, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1 - 7 for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the method claims of group II at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1 - 7 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted.

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